

Duxbury Rural and Historical Society



The Nathaniel Winsor House

DR&HS Purchase of Nathaniel Winsor House

On Dec. 31, the Duxbury Rural & Historical Society purchased the Nathaniel Winsor House. Familiar to 3 generations as "Mrs. Leonard's House," this handsome Federal period property is a widely admired historic landmark, located in the heart of Duxbury's National Historic District. It had been for sale for 4-1/2 years, and as it began to deteriorate, there was growing concern that its future was endangered.

The Society mounted a major campaign this fall to save this exceptional property so that it could continue to enrich our historic landscape and be enjoyed by the Town. In just 12 weeks they raised over \$500,000. The National Trust for Historic Preservation from Washington, DC, visited the property and was so impressed with its merit and significance as an historic asset that they granted the Society a short-term loan of \$150,000 to meet the purchase deadline. This past year

the National Trust gave out less than \$900,000 in loans for preservation projects throughout the United States, so their commitment to Duxbury is a credit to the Town and to the many donors who rallied so generously to save this property.

The Society will continue its fund drive with the goal of raising an endowment to assure the future of this landmark and hopes that everyone in the community will join in this effort.